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Just passing along the recent news update, Erin.

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KTVI Channel 2 St. Louis - Koster calls on EPA to help put out underground landfill fire - 10/13/15 -
In the midst of the Cardinals-Cubs baseball feud, a Chicago Tribune newspaper columnist slapped St. Louis for a potential environmental disaster: an underground fire smoldering toward radioactive waste in Bridgeton. <http://fox2now.com/2015/10/13/koster-calls-on-epa-to-help-put-out-underground-landfill-fire/>

KSDK Channel 5 St. Louis - Schools make nuclear emergency plans - 10/13/15 - School superintendents from Pattonville, Orchard Farm, St. Charles, Francis Howell and Parkway school districts sent parents a letter telling them they had a plan to take care of their children if toxic fumes from the Bridgeton and Westlake landfills start rising. <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2015/10/13/schools-release-plan-for-radioactive-emergency/73899894/>

Examiner - How a six-figure deal from the 1960s blocked clean-up of radiotoxic site - 10/13/15 -
The otherworldly scene of the radioactive West Lake Landfill in north St. Louis County, Missouri. For 42 years, 165,000 tons of radioactively contaminated soil has not been cleaned-up due to an obscure transaction in the 1960s. <http://www.examiner.com/article/how-a-six-figure-deal-from-the-1960s-blocked-clean-up-of-radiotoxic-site>

KMOV Channel 4 St. Louis - Disaster plan created for schools in case fire at Bridgeton Landfill reaches nuclear waste - 10/13/15 - Several school districts in St. Louis and St. Charles Counties are drafting emergency procedures in case a smoldering fire underneath the Bridgeton Landfill reaches nuclear waste nearby. <http://www.kmov.com/story/30254842/disaster-plan-created-for-schools-in-case-fire-at-bridgeton-landfill-reaches-nuclear-waste>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch (letter) - Hopes Koster will lose again in EPA lawsuit - 10/13/15 - So Mr. Koster wants to keep Missouri hens in cramped cages and Missouri residents from a cleaner environment. How sad! I hope a federal judge will throw that lawsuit out, too. http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/mailbag/hopes-koster-will-lose-again-in-epa-lawsuit/article_42954cbd-39c8-546a-b4c9-ad8fc7275216.html

Topeka (Kan.) Capital-Journal - Westar Energy to retire three small generating units; 40 affected - 10/13/15 - Westar Energy will retire three small units at its Lawrence, Tecumseh and Hutchinson plants by the end of the year, the company announced Tuesday. Gina Penzig, spokeswoman for Westar, said the units had been installed between 1954 and 1965, so it didn't make sense to invest in environmental upgrades and continued safety maintenance. <http://cjonline.com/news/business/2015-10-13/westar-energy-retire-three-small-generating-units-40-affected>

Lawrence (Kan.) Journal-World - Westar Energy to eliminate jobs in Lawrence, Tecumseh and Hutchinson - 10/13/15 - Westar Energy is eliminating several positions in Lawrence as the company works to phase out old electrical generating equipment, spokeswoman Gina Penzig said Tuesday.

<http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2015/oct/13/westar-energy-eliminate-jobs-lawrence-tecumseh-and/>

Associated Press - Westar to retire old generating units by year's end - 10/14/15 - The largest electric utility in Kansas says it will retire small generating units in three communities by the end of the year and is citing new federal environmental regulations as one reason. <http://ksn.com/2015/10/14/westar-to-retire-old-generating-units-by-years-end/>

Nasdaq - Westar modernizes electricity production in Kansas - 10/13/15 - Westar Energy (NYSE:WR) announced plans today to continue its transition to a cleaner, more modern electricity supply. As part of the plan, the company will phase out old electrical generating equipment at three locations by year end. <http://www.nasdaq.com/press-release/westar-modernizes-electricity-production-in-kansas-20151013-00957>

Hutchinson (Kan.) News - Unit at Hutchinson Energy Center mothballed; it will mean loss of 10 jobs in Hutchinson - 10/13/15 - The phase out is of only one generator at the Hutchinson Energy Center, said Westar Media Relations Manager Gina Penzig. Four other units will continue to operate in Hutchinson, which is a peak energy center providing electricity only during periods of peak summer demand. http://www.hutchnews.com/news/local_state_news/unit-at-hutchinson-energy-center-mothballed-it-will-mean-loss/article_af112fdb-a471-511e-96b4-672794ac0537.html

Iowa Public Radio - Environmental Markets Could Sell Farmers on Conservation - 10/14/15 - Like all business owners, farmers want to get paid for their work. Sometimes, that work creates problems for the environment, so regulators are advancing the idea of creating environmental markets to allow farmers to make money off of their conservation practices. <http://iowapublicradio.org/post/environmental-markets-could-sell-farmers-conservation>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Residents near old lead mines plan for new state park - 10/13/15 - Residents and officials from Southeast Missouri want more money from a settlement with a lead company to be spent in the communities directly impacted by lead mining contamination. http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/residents-near-old-lead-mines-plan-for-new-state/article_afbc1b76-721c-11e5-bf1a-0b7bb996549d.html

KMUW Wichita Public Radio - Meetings Planned For Residents Affected By Water Contamination - 10/13/15 - A number of meetings will be held locally over the next two weeks to hear from citizens whose private drinking wells were contaminated by a dangerous chemical. Residents living near the intersection of Tyler and Central in west Wichita were notified last year that their private drinking wells were contaminated with PCE, or tetrachloroethylene, a likely carcinogen. <http://kmuw.org/post/meetings-planned-residents-affected-water-contamination>

Kansas City Star - Rates may not shine so bright on solar-powered homes in Kansas and Missouri - 10/13/15 - Utilities want to bill solar customers monthly for grid hookups. The solar industry worries larger utility charges will discourage adoption of solar technology. A fight is coming as solar costs tumble. <http://www.kansascity.com/news/business/technology/article38981193.html>

Des Moines Register (column) - Female Farmers Lead Way Combating Hunger, Climate Change - 10/13/15 - Alice Ramsey, a landowner and farmer in Iowa, participates in the Women, Food, and Agriculture Network (WFAN), which empowers women to build communities that are healthy and support environmental integrity. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/opinion/columnists/2015/10/13/female-farmers-lead-way-combating-hunger-climate-change/73867962/>

NPR - Aging And Underfunded: America's Dam Safety Problem, In 4 Charts - 10/11/15 - There are more than 87,000 dams in America and, like most infrastructure, they go largely unnoticed — until something goes wrong. That was the case in and around South Carolina's capital this week, when at least 20 dams collapsed during catastrophic floods. <http://www.npr.org/2015/10/11/447181629/aging-and-underfunded-americas-dam-safety-problem-in-4-charts>

Christian Science Monitor - Has renewable energy hit hard times? - 10/12/15 - SunEdison, which had been on course to become the world's biggest renewable energy developer, is now fighting to reverse its stock price's nosedive and regain investor trust. <http://www.csmonitor.com/Business/2015/1012/Has-renewable-energy-hit-hard-times>

New York Times - Renewable Energy Financing Hits a Snag - 10/11/15 - Only a few months ago, it seemed that the renewable energy sector could do little wrong: Stock prices were soaring and money was pouring in as investors flocked to get in on the action. That is no longer the case. <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/10/12/business/energy-environment/renewable-energy-financing-hits-a-snag.html>

Motley Fool - GE's Current Business Could Be the Boost Renewable Energy Needs - 10/12/15 - Renewable energy, energy storage, efficiency, and energy management all face an uphill battle against establishment utility, oil, and gas interests in the U.S. But they're slowly winning the battle piece by piece, both economically and politically, disrupting the energy business as we know it. <http://www.fool.com/investing/general/2015/10/12/ge-current-business-could-be-the-boost-renewable.aspx>

JD Supra - EPA Clean Power Plan Considerations: Wheeling Renewable Power - 10/12/15 - Investment in renewable generating capacity is a key building block of EPA's Clean Power Plan to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from electric power generators. <http://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/epa-clean-power-plan-considerations-74541/>

E&P Magazine/Hart Energy (blog) - Pursuing Renewables, Fossil Fuels Will Help Meet Demand - 10/13/15 - As more attention turns to reducing emissions and climate change, it is encouraging to see some predominately oil- and natural gas-focused companies also are pursuing renewable energy sources. <http://www.epmag.com/blog/pursuing-renewables-fossil-fuels-will-help-meet-demand-822871>

Western Journalism - EPA Unleashes Health-Hammering Ozone Rules - 10/13/15 - It may be incompetence overseas, but Obama intends to reduce jobs and living standards here in the USA. The Obama/EPA war on coal has shuttered power plants and mines across dozens of states, leaving thousands unemployed. <http://www.westernjournalism.com/epa-unleashes-health-hammering-ozone-rules/>

Forbes - Could The EPA's Clean Power Plan Deliver More Than Just Clean Air? - 10/13/15 - The final Clean Power Plan version hits upon a fair compromise — a rare occurrence in Washington these days — that not only lowers carbon emissions, but also lays the foundation for an economic growth engine. <http://www.forbes.com/sites/michaelkrancer/2015/10/13/could-the-epas-clean-power-plan-deliver-more-than-just-clean-air/>

Investor's Business Daily - Obama Seeks Job-Killing Cap-And-Trade Through The Back Door - 10/13/15 - If you can't beat 'em, regulate 'em. Apparently that's the lesson the Obama administration learned after the 2010 defeat of the president's "cap-and-trade" bill. <http://news.investors.com/ibd-editorials-perspective/101315-775392-obama-to-use-executive-order-for-job-killing-cap-and-trade.htm>

Utility DIVE - Report: Utilities don't plan to join fight against EPA's Clean Power Plan - 10/13/15 - While more than a dozen states and a host of coal companies are lining up to challenge the Obama administration's Clean Power Plan, the Wall Street Journal reports that utilities are generally accepting the carbon mandates. <http://www.utilitydive.com/news/report-utilities-dont-plan-to-join-fight-against-epas-clean-power-plan/407218/>

Cogeneration - Clean power for the US – CHP and district energy - 10/13/15 - The US federal government's Clean Power Plan has a simple aim – to cut carbon emissions from America's fossil-fuelled power plants, by 32% by 2030. However, if carried out successfully, the plan would also have a dramatic effect on emissions of the more conventionally-recognised pollutants and deliver very considerable public health benefits. <http://www.cospp.com/articles/2015/10/clean-power-for-the-us-chp-and-district-energy.html>

Townhall - EPA's Methane Rules Come from Same Playbook as Clean Power Plan - 10/13/15 - A proposed new rule unveiled by the Obama administration would require by 2025 a 40 to 45 percent reduction from 2012 levels in methane emissions from new and modified oil and natural gas wells. Unlike methane regulations passed in 2012, the new rules would regulate methane emissions throughout the oil and gas industry, including production processing, transmission, and storage.

<http://townhall.com/columnists/isaacorr/2015/10/13/epas-methane-rules-come-from-same-playbook-as-clean-power-plan-n2065186>